

Washington State Elections Weekly

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Candidate photos and statements

Photos and statements for federal and state candidates are due to OSOS on Friday, May 23. For those of you who use the state content for your printed Primary Voters' Pamphlets, we aim to have this content approved in WEI Admin by the end of the month. To help us prioritize our approval process, please email voterspamphlet@sos.wa.gov to let us know you will use state content for your printed Primary Voters' Pamphlet.

Precinct Committee Officers

Precinct Committee Officer (PCO) elections changed in 2012. For PCOs –

- The Democrat PCO position is listed first, followed by the Republican.
- Only contested PCO offices are printed on the Primary ballot.
- If only one person filed for a PCO race, the race does not appear on the ballot. The person is considered elected.
- If no one filed for a PCO office, it does not appear on the ballot. Three day filing periods are not held.
- Do not print a write-in line on the ballot for these offices. Voters cannot write-in names for PCOs.
- The explanation required in WAC [434-230-100 \(4\)\(b\)](#) must be printed on the ballot immediately before PCO offices.

Refer to the [Precinct Committee Officer Elections Clearinghouse](#), [RCW 29A.52.171](#) and [WAC 434-230-100](#) for more information.

Political Party Preference Format

According to [WAC 434-230-045 \(4\)\(a\)](#), the first letter of each word in the political party preference is capitalized; all others are lower case. If a candidate indicated the party is "GOP" without periods after each letter, it should be printed on the ballot as "Gop."

Certified Election Administrator

Newly certified election administrators receive a pin at each Election Conference. To receive your pin this year, we need your completed [application form](#) and [certification exam](#) by May 31. Print and send your documents to ctsupport@sos.wa.gov or PO Box 40229, Olympia WA 98504.

Motor Voter and Online Transaction Report

Monthly reports of Motor Voter and online transactions are now available for [March](#) and [April](#).

ERIC Reports

ERIC reports, which were due to go out following certification of the April Special Election, are delayed pending resolution of a data issue.

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